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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 279372

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: EAIR, ESTC, PINS, CPRS, GB, RH, LI, SF

SUBJECT: MYSTERIOUS AMERICAN PLANE AT LIBREVILLE AIRPORT

REF: LIBREVILLE 1582, MONROVIA 7270

CASABLANCA FOR RCAA

1. FAA RECORDS INDICATE PIPER CHEROKEE N-8983N REGISTERED TO GEORGE L. NORTON, 320 CRESTVIEW ROAD, UKIAH, CALIFORNIA. FAA FILES CONTAIN LETTER DATED AUGUST, 1974, FROM NYSTROM AVIATION CORP., PALO ALTO, CALIF, INDICATING THIS AIRCRAFT TO BE DELIVERED TO ABREY INVESTMENTS, PVT, LTD. P.O. BOX 591, DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA AND REQUESTING THAT AIRCRAFT NOT BE DEREGISTERED UNLESS COMPANY CABLED AND SO REQUESTED.

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2. NORTON ADVISED HE SOLD AIRCRAFT TO DR. ALAN ABREY IN JUNE. ACCORDING NYSTROM ABREY IS AMCIT. NYSTROM CLAIMED COMPANY'S ROLE LIMITED TO PREPARING AIRCRAFT FOR EXPORT AND THEY WERE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FERRYING AIRCRAFT. APPARENTLY AIRCRAFT FERRIED FROM CALIFORNIA TO GANDER BY A GENE ROTHLIN WHO STATED HE ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES WITH RADIO WHICH WAS NOT EQUIPPED WITH CORRECT FREQUENCES. ROTHLIN CONTACTED OWNER WHO DISPATCHED FRIEND, ED. C. DAVIS (WHOM ROTHLIN DESCRIBED AS HAVING AN ENGLISH ACCENT AND COULD HAVE BEEN AMERICAN OR SOUTH AFRICAN) TO FERRY AIRCRAFT

FROM GANDAR TO SOUTH AFRICA.

3. WHEN QUERIED ON REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE DEREGISTRATION IN AUGUST LETTER TO FAA, NYSTROM EXPLAINED THAT ABREY NOT SURE WHETHER AIRCRAFT WOULD REMAIN UNDER U.S. REGISTRATION OR WOULD BE REGISTERED IN SOUTH AFRICA. ( IN ORDER REGISTER AIRCRAFT IN ANOTHER COUNTRY, U.S. REGISTRATION WOULD HAVE TO BE CANCELLED FIRST AND EVIDENCE OF THIS FORWARDED TO CIVIL AIR AUTHORITIES OF COUNTRY IN WHICH AIRCRAFT TO BE REGISTERED.)

4. FOR DURBAN: IN EVENT DEPT'S ASSISTANCE SOUGHT TO SECURE RELEASE OF AIRCRAFT NEED KNOW SOONEST ABREY'S NATIONALITY.

5. REFTELS BEING REPEATED CASABLANCA, DURBAN, PRETORIA. SISCO

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